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n 1987 more than 500,000 people went to Washington, D.C. to demand lesbian and gay rights and increased funding to fight AIDS, the disease that continues to claim the lives of our friends and family.

Although we were hundreds of thousands strong, our voices were not heard. The Reagan administration did not acknowledge our presence or hear our message. And the media under reported our numbers by at least half. Consequently, few outside the demonstration knew the power of that march, understood the lives it touched, and the activism it would inspire.

In 1993 we have a second chance to make a lasting impact on our nation. We have the opportunity to pull together, to shake off the hatred and homophobia of the past two Republican administrations, and to remind the country that discrimination in any form is not acceptable.

With a receptive new president in residence, our message will be heard in the White House and across the country. But in order to be truly successful in grabbing the attention of the media, the March on Washington must be the largest, best-attended demonstration ever. And you can help make that

Yes you. Each and every one of you has benefitted by the passage of gay rights legislation and you should consider it a personal obligation to attend and participate in the March on Washington in 1993.

Please, don't stand back and expect someone else to get involved, to change the laws and the minds of America. The only real change will come from the active and ongoing participation of a million people just like you.

APRIL 25, 1993



Flip-Flop

It is of interest to see a four-part series, "Gay in Davis," appearing now in the Davis Enterprise.

Part 1, titled "Gays, Lesbians find acceptance in Davis," states "In Davis discrimination based on sexual orientation was banned in 1987. The ordinance applies to business establishments, job sites and real estate transactions."

It is also of interest to remember that this same newspaper, both in 1980 when the ordinance was abandoned by the city council and rejected by the voters, and in 1986 when it editorialized against it, asserted that it was both divisive and unnecessary.

More Cook Outrage

This letter was sent to Bob Cook, News Director, KTXL Fox 40 in response to coverage in the December ISSUE.

Dear Mr. Cook:

The membership of Twin Spirit Veterans Association would like to convey to you our extreme displeasure with your commentary regarding lesbians and gays in the military. Your attempt at humor on November 14th fell far short of the mark, and was an insult to the many who have served in the military, under extremely difficult circumstances, to protect the freedoms which you now enjoy.

We would hope that in the future you would direct your talents to educating and informing the public.

Sincerely, Lynn Strawbridge First Officer

S.F. Sup's Betrayal

San Fransisco Supervisor Willie Kennedy the politician is just a little too good! In her deciding "no" vote on the Bank of America / Boy Scouts

resolution her altogether astute reading of her predominantly homophobic constituencv will get her lots of votes in the short run, nationwide negative name-recognition among advocates of human rights, and short shrift from history.

Glenn Rice

Greenies for Choice

In response to the arson attack on the Women's Health Clinic that occurred recently in Sacramento, the Green Party of Sacramento wishes to reconfirm its strong support for a woman's unrestricted freedom of choice. One of the founding values of the Green

Party is personal responsibility. It is our firm belief that only the woman involved is qualified to decide whether an abortion is the right choice for her.

Groups like Operation Rescue and the Lambs of Christ to undermine the authority of the Constitution with increasingly violent interference with access to health clinics that offer abortion services. These groups are carrying forth the agenda of the Religious Right, a self-serving power-grab by a small minority that wishes to dictate the morals and lifestyle choices of the entire country. We applaud the efforts of prochoice activists who are working to protect our basic rights. Glenn Mitchell

Sacramento Green Party County

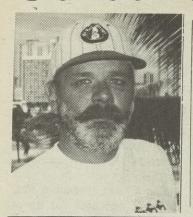
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Bradley S. Silva

radley Scott Silva, age 43 yrs old, passed away Dec. 24th in Sacramento of complications of due to his 5 year battle with AIDS.

He lived in Sacramento all of his life and was born Jan. 19, 1949. He went to college at Sac. City College and re-

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ceived an A.A. degree. then, he joined the Air Force Reserves and served for 7 years.

He then went to work in West Sacramento at the Hut and the Hide and Seek. He then went to work at UCD MC in the billing department. He worked there almost ten years. Then, he got sick, and never returned to work. During his illness he got involved in the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire where he earned the lifetime title and served as secretary of the Court the following year.

He is survived by his lover Ralph of 8 1/2 years, his brother Bruce and his lover Tim, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Silva of La Selva Beach, and many, many friends.

Very special thanks to Dr. Helen Hammer who provided

the best care imaginable for Bradley. A celebration of his life was held at the Mercantile Saloon on Jan. 3, 1992.

Any contributions go to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Home Service Pilot Pro-

Margaret G. Coelho

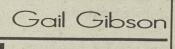
argaret left this world last month after fighting for several years against numerous health conditions.

Survived by her son Ronald Porter Coelho, of Roy, Washington; brother James Edward Gray of McKinleyville, California; 5 nieces and 2 nephews and her dear friend and life time companion of 35 years Joy TeSelle.

Margaret may best be remembered as an active member of the Capitol City Squares, an avid camper, nature lover and gardener.

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CSUS President Waits for Clinton to Overturn Policy

Military Discrimination Still Unwelcome on Campus

by Ken Locke

In a recent memorandum, CSUS president Donald Gerth confirmed that the university will begin its planned phaseout of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program as scheduled in 1993.

The ROTC is being banned from campus because, like all military programs, it prohibits participation by gays and lesbians.

President-elect Clinton's announced intent to sign an executive order banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military has no effect on the ROTC phaseout at this time, according to Gerth. "ROTC has not changed its course of action in any way," he stressed. "The schedule for addressing ROTC remains as announced one year ago."

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Last February Dr. Gerth released a memorandum in which he explained CSUS' opposition to ROTC. "The policy of this campus prohibits discrimination by the University with respect to a variety of factors, including sexual orientation." In fact, the formal application for admission to all CSU campuses carries a notice which states: "The CSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex,

physical handicap or sexual orientation in the education or activities it conducts."

In his most recent memorandum, Gerth promised to inform the Department of Defense that while CSUS wishes to retain ROTC, it cannot do so unless ROTC ends its current policy of discrimination. Therefore, unless President Clinton has repealed the ban on gays in the military by spring of 1993, CSUS will begin its planned phaseout. The phaseout will be performed "in such a way as to ensure that all previously enrolled ROTC students have the opportunity to complete the program." Thus, the final new admissions to ROTC at the CSUS campus would be for fall semester of 1993.

In a telephone interview, CSUS Director of Student Activities Louis Camera said that while he is uncertain when Clinton will lift the ban, he is confident the presidentelect will follow through with his promise to do so. "Clinton has made it very clear," said Camera, "that he does not support discrimination. If he doesn't do it immediately, I'm not going to get too excited.

It may take a few weeks, or more. The economy is going to be a pressing issue for him. But I'm confident that he will change the policy."



All these talented people turned out to perform for the 3rd Annual Stocking Stuffers Show at the UC Davis Med. Center in December. In addition to the show, more than \$800 was raised for people with AIDS in our community. According to Stocking Stuffer organizer, Empress XVIIII Stacey, "If we were able to make one person's Christmas better, we 're happy."

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he Black Men's Xchange, Sacramento Chapter cordially invites all interested community members to attend a three-day retreat to be held at the Clarion Hotel, Mckinley Park Recreational Center and the Women's Civic Improvement Club Memorial Auditorium.

This event will start Thursday Feb. 4 and last until Sunday Feb. 7, 1993. Registration and Problem Solving Sessions are free.

This National Retreat brings





together representatives from the eight already established BMX chapters, with new chapters forming in every major city. (Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Denver Philadelphia, Detroit and Atlanta).

This event is about self discovery, self-definition and the processes of self-empowerment from across the country and nation. The Black Men's Xchange is committed to building bridges to all communities and welcome honest, thoughtful and respectful discussion and debates.

Topics to be addressed include, The Politics of AIDS, AIDS and the Black Church, Community Activism, Black Female/Male Relationships, Defining the Black Family, Black Youth, Homosexuality in the Black Family, Racial Sexual Preferences, White Supremacist in Black Face, Black Learning / Black Literacy and Empowering the Black Community.

Some of the speakers include Rev. Dorsey O. Blake, Director, Center for Urban Black Studies, Berkeley California, Sheila Lee, Program Coor-

dinator, S.A.M.E. (Survivors of AIDS Managing Effectively), Cleo Manago, Executive Director, AMASSI (African American AIDS Support-Services & Survival Institute- Founder/ Organizer, National Organization of BMX, Joe Hawkins, National Coordinator, Black Men's Xchange(BMX), Cynthia D. Burnett, Organizational Consultant Sacramento.

For registration information please call: 1-800-443-0880. For more information about the Retreat please call BMX National Headquarters at: (510) 839-9138 or (916) 487-0439.

Delta Lambda Phi Turns Over Money

he students of Delta Lambda Phi frater-nity and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS) presented the proceeds of the First Annual Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Jan. 7 to the Lambda Community Fund and to the Center for AIDS Research, Education, and Services (CARES).

The film festival, held in October of this past year, was

a resounding success. The sold out show netted a profit of \$3000. The president of GLAS, Allen Cole, and the president of Delta Lambda Phi, James Delaire, presented \$1500 each to Jake Steuble of the Lambda Community Fund, and to Sue Strong of CARES.

Plans are already underway

for the Second Annual Sacramento Gay &Lesbian Film Festival. Anyone who would like to suggest films, or would like to help should contact Allen at (916) 451-5872.

SACWN Presents Two Funny Women

os Fallopia" arrives in Sacramento on Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Clarion Hotel. Presented by SACWN, this comedy duo from Seattle, promises to produce a night of laughs from a woman's viewpoint.

The duo, Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt, combine standup, left-wing politics, and music to present other hilarious performances such as "My Breasts Are Out of Control" and "The Spudds." Their wacky humor has propelled them across the nation playing to sold out houses such as The Improvisation, Seattle, Vancouver International Comedy Festival and Campfest, Oxford.

The two members of "Dos Fallopia" are no strangers to the comedy and acting business. With fifteen years of



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acting, singing, and comedy work behind her Lisa Koch has appeared with stars such as Steve Martin and Holly Near. Her recent solo release, "Colorblind Blues," has received excellent reviews.

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First Post AB2601 Lawsuits are Filed

by Dennis Conkin

S an Francisco gay rights attorney Paul Wotman has filed the first lawsuits under California's new gay rights law.

The law, which prohibits job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, became effective Jan 1.

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The five lawsuits announced by Wotman on Jan. 4 were filed in San Francisco and Alameda Superior Courts and charge five Bay Area firms, including California State Automobile Association, with discrimination against gay employees.

"It is against the law to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Now employers will understand that it will cost them money," Wotman said.

The lawsuits each seek \$1 million in damages.

According to Wotman, the case against CSAA is the most "serious harassment" he has seen in his 16 year legal practice.

The plantiff, Ron Glasser, a claims adjuster who is also trained as a lawyer, was assigned the computer password "Gayal," and when he complained, he was given the password "honey" by his superiors.



Ron Glasser, litigant, speaks to the press about his lawsuit.

Glasser's suit alleges that pornographic materials were left on his desk and that he was the brunt of repeated anti

gay harassment at work, including comments from management and supervisorial staff "gay is against God" and that he should seek to change his sexual orientation.

"We absolutely do expect our employers not to discriminate on a variety of basis. We have a stated written policy that is given to all employees," said CSAA spokesman Barry Schiller.

"We are looking very seriously at what Mr. Classer alleges. These are very serious charges and they deserve to be checked out very carefully," he said.

However, Schiller down played the allegations.

"Mr. Glasser originally brought the matter to his supervisors at CSAA. I believe some issues were resolved. It may be more misunderstanding than actual malice, but we are checking it out again

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S.F.'s Mayor Vetoes Bank of America Boycott

by Dennis Conkin

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors failed on Jan. 4 to overide Mayor Frank Jordan's Christmas Eve veto of a resolution urging the city to divest funds from Bank of America.

Jordan called the proposal by lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg "misdirected" and said that the Bank of America was an "outstanding public citizen."

Achtenberg called for the



S.F. Supervisor Willie Kennedy killed veto override hopes.

divesture of the \$6 million in city funds from the bank after it announced last August that it had reversed an earlier decision and would resume giving

charitable funds to the Boy Scouts of America, a group that excludes gay youth from membership.

The Bank had initially joined with the United Way of the Bay Area, Wells Fargo Bank, Levi Strauss and Company and other corporations in denying the BSA charitable donations because of its sexual orientation discrimination policies.

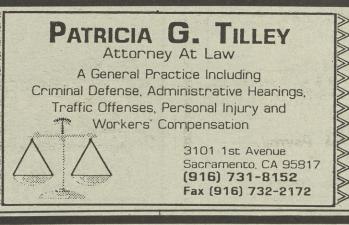
Achtenberg's resolution which she called a "modest proposal" would have pulled funds from several lock box cash revenue and a variety of cheking accounts held by various city departments. The city has an estimated \$42 million on deposit in cash and other funds in the bank, and does billions of dollars of business with the bank yearly through payroll, revenue col-

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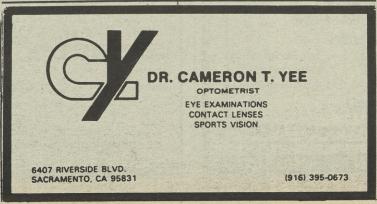
Achtenberg criticized Jordan's veto message as one "one of the most condescending pieces of political diatribe" that she had "ever witnessed."

In his veto message Jordan said that the Bank of America despite its decision to refund the Boy Scouts has "a record

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The latest NEWS BITS

Gay Bands Included

or the first time in the history of the United States of America, Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (L.G.B.A.) will be part of the Presidential Inaugural festivities. Representatives from 22 lesbian and gay bands from across the United States and Vancouver, B.C., will perform as part of the preparade inaugural entertainment, January 20, 1993.

L.G.B.A. President Lisa Strongin expects over 100

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musicians to play for the inaugural crowd, which will include a review by the new president, under the L.G.B.A. banner. "We are honored to be included in this national celebration."

Appointee Says She's Not Gay

onna Shalala, named to a cabinet post in the Clinton administration, says she's the target of a radical gay group's campaign to convince her colleagues and the media she is a lesbian.

Ms. Shalala, who has served as University of Wisconsin-Madison chancellor for five years, told an interviewer there is no truth to the claim that the group Queer Nation has made to newspapers and politicians.

"Have I lived an alternative lifestyle? The answer is no," she said. "I've been investigated up the kazoo by the best investigators in the world and they've turned up their hands and said, 'You're just going to have to live with it.' Crazy people make crazy calls."

Michael Petrellis, cofounder of Queer Nation, said he believes Ms. Shalala is a lesbian even though his only proof is that several other gays and lesbians have made the same claim.

He said the reason he wants Ms. Shalala to say she is a lesbian is to show people that a lesbian can hold such a prestigious position.

"When you live a public life as long as I have, there's almost no privacy left," Shalala said.

New Military Policy Drafted

ay and civil rights organizations have begun to draft sample executive orders to offer Clinton administration on how to end the military's ban on gays and lesbians. Some of the proposals call for the creation of an advisory committee to assist the Defense Department and anti-homophobia training for officers who would

carry out the policy. A presidential order should also restore health benefits, and allow gays to re-enlist. And any new code of conduct should govern the sexual behavior of gay and straight soldiers alike, gay activists say.

Southern Voice

TVC's Anti Gay Measure

ollowing Colorado's lead, a conservative California religious group has launched a campaign to add an anti-gay rights measure to their state's constitution. A fund-raising letter sent by the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition calls for a "statewide ballot proposition on the heterosexual ethic" in California. The letter holds up the success of Colorado's Amendment 2 as an example, "Pro-family activists won a measure prohibiting "special rights" in Colorado," the letter states. "There is no guarantee that a campaign such as this one will succeed (in California), but the greatest danger is not doing anything

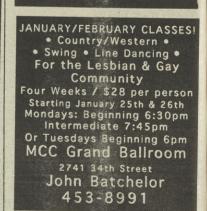
Transexual Republican

he Boston Herald reported that 52-year-old Republican Althea Garrison, who was elected last month to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, was formerly a male known as A.C. Garson. According to Suffolk County Probate Court records, Garrison changed her name in May 1976. The Boston paper reported that Garrison had been a frequent candidate for the legislature, finally defeating Democrat Irene Roman this year.

L.A. Votes to Boycott

The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to support motions by Councilman Michael Woo to boycott Colorado in protest over Colorado's passage of anti-gay legislation.

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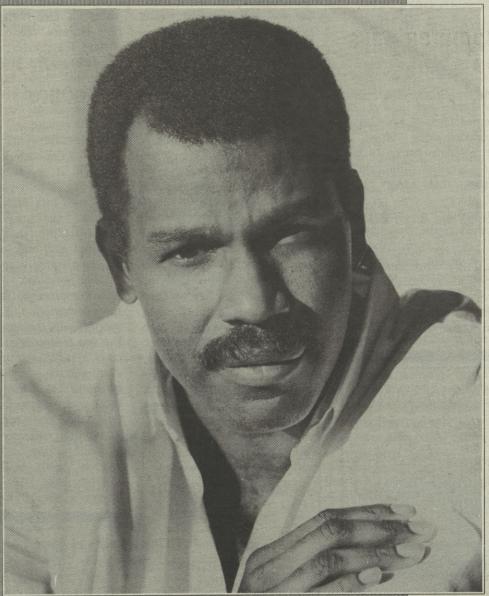
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Promising HIV Vaccine Uses Live Virus

by Arturo Jackson III

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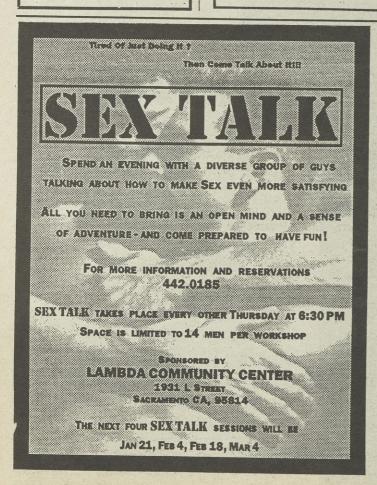
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According to their report published in the December 18 issue of *Science*, the researcher stated that the four monkeys continue to remain healthy after 10 infectious doses of SIV administered more than eight months ago. The landmark research results





challenge the generally accepted and so far largely unsuccessful vaccine model theories and instead offers strong supporting evidence in favor of using live clones of SIV and HIV strains in the search for an effective HIV vaccine.

"What pushed us in this direction was one vaccine failure after another in our idealized optimal laboratory setting," stated Dr. Ronald Desrosiers, lead researcher in the trial. In subsequent reports, Desrosiers reported failure in earlier trials which used a genetically engineered HIV vaccine and acknowledged only marginal success with a killed whole virus vaccine model. "Nothing else we have tried has come anywhere close to what we have seen with this vaccine," added Desrosiers.

Researchers cautioned that while the Harvard research team's results are promising,

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there are still many hurdles to overcome particularly since the vaccine results were achieved using a live virus vaccine. The Harvard vaccine trial has yielded the greatest protection to date against HIV infection in animal model experimentation, but the risk remains that the weakened virus could possibly mutate and eventually cause disease in its host sub-"The whole process. even if it is successful, is going to take years," stated Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease which provided the bulk of funding for the Harvard vaccine trial.

"The results themselves were impressive, and even more important this is a clear example of the feasibility of the use of live attenuated vaccines," added Fauci. Almost every vaccine currently in use in the United States, including those of smallpox, flu, measles and polio, have been derived from the use of live attenuated virus. Scientists involved with AIDS vaccine research have been reluctant to use a live HIV or related

virus because of the threat in causing HIV infection in study subjects not already infected.

Instead, vaccine research has focused on sophisticated genetically engineered techniques which create vaccines based on virus proteins. "People have been thinking about this approach, but they are also wary of it," stated Irvin Chen, director of the AIDS Institute at UCLA. The Harvard researchers hope to reduce the inherent threat posed by the use of a live virus vaccine by removing specific viral characteristics without weakening the promising vaccine mode.

The researchers deleted an SIV gene referred to as nef, whose function is relatively unknown, to create the vaccine which appears to have prevented the initiation of HIV infection in the four rhesus monkeys. Desrosiers is currently testing vaccine mutants with up to five genetic deletions in efforts directed at improving the safety of the model vaccine.

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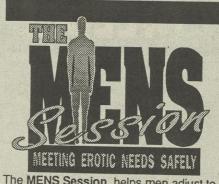
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LIFE Brings Gay Clout to the Capitol

"When Lou Sheldon and the Traditional Values Coalition complain about 'the powerful homosexual lobby' in Sacramento, they're talking about us. I like that."

by Michael Gorman

olitics is about power: the power of money, the power of ideas, the power of individuals. In the past, too often that power has worked against the gay and lesbian community.

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That was the case in the mid-eighties when ignorant and frightened legislators began introducing a flood of AIDS bills based more on hysteria than effective policy.

In 1986, spurred by the waves of thinly veiled homophobia, leaders of various gay organizations around the state banded together to fight the La Rouche Initiative. The success of their cooperative effort led many of those activists to call for an ongoing gay and lesbian presence in Sacramento.

Out of their efforts the Lobby For Individual Freedom and Equality (aka LIFE AIDS Lobby) was born.

In its short history as a lobbying organization, LIFE has accomplished an incredible amount and has gained the respect of legislators on both sides of the political spectrum. It sponsored AB101, the gay civil rights bill that Governor Wilson vetoed. It followed that disappointment up with the politically savvy AB 2601 which Wilson could not veto without contradicting his own veto message from AB101.

LIFE has also been responsible for most of the landmark AIDS legislation in California, including the AIDS Drug Subsidy Program, Residential Care Facilities for people with AIDS, HIV early intervention, HIV testing confidentiality, the

We were a people without prohibition on housing and employment discrimination based on HIV status, and the inclusion of AIDS as a handicap under the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission.

LIFE also has a civil rights agenda in addition to its AIDS work. The lobby's efforts led to the inclusion of sexual orientation in the state hate crimes bill, and helped pass a bill prohibiting insurers and health service plans from discriminating according to sexual orientation. Every year since its inception, LIFE has also fought against (mostly successfully) ill-conceived bills based on homophobia, such as those attempting to do away with Project 10 or institute mandatory HIV testing.

Powerful people at all levels of California government have taken note of LIFE AIDS Lobby's successes. Wayne Salseda, the director of the California State Office of AIDS told the latest ISSUE, "The LIFE AIDS Lobby continues to add a strong voice for assuring the rights of individuals throughout the state. State public policy has benefitted from the informed counsel that it has consistently provided."

Assemblyman Terry Friedman -- who introduced both AB101 and AB2601 to the Assembly and whose legislative aide Rand Martin was one of the forces behind the creation of LIFE -- said of the lobby, "I have worked closely with LIFE

since its inception in 1986 and have found it to be a consistently effective and credible advocate for gay and lesbian Californians and the AIDS affected community."

Aside from its direct lobbying activities in the capitol building and over lunch tables around the city, LIFE has gained a reputation for being able to, as executive director Laurie McBride put it, "mobilize the troops." According to McBride, there are three ways



Laurie McBride.

for citizens to affect legislation: money, well-documented and truthful information, and an ability to mobilize large groups of constituents. LIFE deals with the latter two. Its ability to do both arises out of its structure as an organization. LIFE has three full-time paid staffers who provide a constant, strong lobbying presence in Sacramento. Through community forums

and regular networking contact, those staff members speak for over 100 affiliate organizations around the state, from AIDS service organizations to Democratic Clubs to ACT-UP chapters to Frontiers Magazine to Log Cabin Clubs. The affiliate organizations provide the expertise and ideas that keep the lobby current and dependable. The staff in turn provides access and a voice for that huge coalition of groups. Those groups also allow LIFE to quickly involve large numbers of gays and lesbians in letter writing or phoning campaigns.

Ken Topper, aide and spokesperson for California Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti, told the latest ISSUE, "LIFE Lobby is probaone of the most influential lobbies in the legislature because their focus comes with the interests of over 100 organizations statewide. That creates a great deal of influence. It's a great group to work with because they not only help to create ideas for change, but they work the ideas from beginning to end. They work with us through the hard, tedious parts. That's very rare. Their commitment is very strong."

The powerful coalition building that LIFE manages to accomplish in a very diverse and willful community is the aspect of the lobby of which Laurie McBride is most proud: "In all my work in the gay and lesbian community, I've always believed with my whole being in the power of consensus.'

LIFE's newest staff member, legislative advocate Robert Rios, agrees. "Laurie handles the civil rights work and I concentrate on AIDS legislation. I don't pretend to have every fact and figure at my fingertips. That comes from our affiliates." Robert, who



Robert Rios.

facetiously describes himself as "bitterly single," came to the lobby after working in the office of Assemblyman Johan Klehs and later with Roberta Achtenberg. He says that Stan Hadden took him under his wing and became his mentor during those first years in Sacramento. "He's my role model, the kind of person I'd like to be."

Keith Johnson, the third staff member of LIFE, is the operations manager. He is the group's vital lifeline to the affiliate organizations in the nine regions of California. He does the behind- the-scenes work that allows Laurie and Robert to lobby. Like the others, he is proud of the momentous work that LIFE has done on a shoestring budget, but he is a practical man who talks about the possibilities that more money could open up, and the dire necessity of continuing the fight against the homophobic forces that would rob us of our gains. "The gay community can no longer deny that the Christian Right is coming after us. They've already infiltrated the Republican Party and they're going after the Democratic Party too with what's called stealth candidates. Christian Fundamentalists get together every Sunday and they tithe. Every family at the Capital Christian Center gives an average of \$100 a month. That's \$300,000 a month from that one outlet. LIFE Lobby should be able to do that much statewide."

Asked what the lobby needs from the gay and lesbian community, McBride mentioned money and a willingness to get involved in petition and postcard signing campaigns. She and Rios also mentioned the need for volunteers to do some of the small task that rob the staff of so much time. Johnson, the consummate manager, was more specific in his requests. "We need to start tithing like the fundamentalists do. Find an organization that serves the community and give. I know there are some people out there who make bucks who could consider donating some Continued on page 20



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15 friday

Torch Song Trilogy presented by the Lambda Players at the YWCA auditorium. Friday and Saturday nights through January 30.

A Man For All Seasons, at the Show Below. 8 p.m. Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Call 446-2787 for details. Through Feb. 20.

Narrative Quilts by Linda Delgado at Archival Framing, 1729 L Street.

16 saturday

Starry Starry Night, New Year's dance sponsored by If The Shoe Fits, 8 p.m., Shakespeare Club, Placerville. Tickets \$15.00

The Jungle Book, presented by Children's



Theatre Company at U.C. Davis Freeborn Hall. 2 p.m., \$12 and \$5 children.

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"Caregiving the Final Stage," a workshop for friends, partners and family of a person dying from AIDS. Produced by KAIROS-Supportfor Caregivers. Call (415) 861-0877 for more info.

18 monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Torch Song Trilogy performed by the Lambda Players through Jan. 30th Fri/Sat at the YMCA

19 tuesday

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way (corner of Lusk).

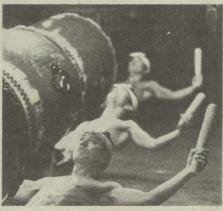
Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change election of officers at the Lambda Community Center, 7 p.m. Call 451-0288 for info

20 wednesday

Presidential Inauguration.

Lambda Center Board of Director's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Call 442-0185 for details.

KODO, drum performing company at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, 8 p.m.



21 thursday

Camerata Musica of Berlin at U.C. Davis Freeborn Hall. 8 p.m., \$19 premium/\$16 standard.

22 friday

20th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Tesoros De La Tierra, a show of ceramic figures from Ancient America at the Crocker Art Museum. Through Mar. 7

23 saturday

Dos Fallopia - two lesbian comedians from Seattle at the Clarion Hotel. Call 451-8034 for tickets. A SACWN event for women 21 and older.

25 monday

Twin Spirit Veteran's pot luck and election of officers. MCC Grand Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. a Call 383-0940 for more details.

26 tuesday

Co-Dependants Anonymous, A 12 step program for gays and lesbians. 7 p.m. at

MONDAYS

Worried Well support group for HIV Negative people effected by HIV Positive loved ones. 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30 p.m. For more info call 448-2436.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For info call 442-0185

Lesbian & Gay Town Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. 448-0422.

Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse meets every other Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Facilitated by Melinda Facelli, MFCC (Intern) #IMF 15850. For info call 783-0579.

TUESDAYS

Being Gay Today, 10 p.m. on cable 18. An hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

Heart to Heart, a HIV+ support group that is for gay and bi men to talk about common emotions: 6:30 - 8 p.m. 920 20th Street. Call 448-2437 for info.

Sacramento Leather Association monthly meeting at the Wreck Room at 7 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. call 737-0651.

WEDNESDAYS

Ladies Night at Faces, 2000 K Street. Country Western Dance at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Being Gay Today, 9 p.m. on cable 18. An hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

Being Alive Living Room HIV+ social group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Center. Call 442-0185 for info.

Lesbian Support Group for Partners of Incest/Molest Survivors. 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 1701 H Street. For info call 722-4570.

FRIDAYS

Cafe' Lambda coffee house at the Lambda Center 8 p.m. - midnight. call 442-0185. Country Western Dance at 7:30 p.m. Activity center of River City MCC, 34th & Broadway. For info call 454-4726.

SATURDAYS

Gay Men's/Lesbian Running Group, all levels welcome. For more info call 387-8275 or 444-2835.

SUNDAYS

River City Metropolitan Community Church; 7 a.m. communion, 9, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service. For more info call 454-4762.

Tea Dance at Faces 3 - 7 p.m., barbecue at 5 p.m., country/western at 7 p.m.

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Roller skating party presented by SAGA IV at Foothill Skate, 4700 Auburn Blvd. \$5

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Mardi Gras Galore at U.C. Davis Freeborn Hall. 8 p.m., \$18 premium/\$15 standard.

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29 friday

Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Veracruz performs at UC Davis Freeborn Hall at 8 p.m. Call 752-1915 for tickets.

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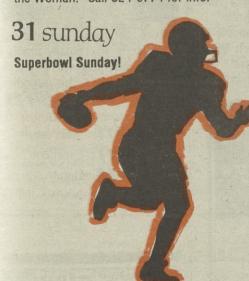
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The New Democratic Party: Meeting the Challenge .at the Clarion Hotel sponsored by the Harry S. Truman Democratic Club. Workshops include the topics of "What does the Democratic Party offer to liberals, labor and minorities?" and "The Year of the Woman." Call 924-6774 for info.



4 thursday

available by calling 483-4017

1993 Black Men's Xchange National Cultural Gathering and Retreat at the Clarion Hotel, McKinley Recreational Center and at the Women's Civic Improvement Center Memorial Auditorium. Registration begins today. Call 487-0439 for more information

sented by the Dale Scholi Dance Company

at the 24th Street Theater. Tickets are

Rainbow Real Estate Professionals meeting at the Hungry Hunter, off Richards Blvd. 11:30 a.m. Call 489-6936 for more info.

5 friday

Final registration and opening ceremonies for the Black Men's Xchange Cultural Gathering and Retreat, call 487-0439 for more details.

6 saturday

Depression Glass Club Show and Sale at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street Sacramento. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Feb. 6 & 7

11 thursday

Roller skating party presented by SAGA IV

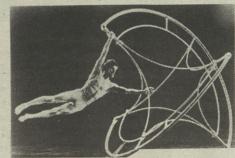
at Foothill Skate, 4700 Auburn Blvd. \$5 includes skates. Call Tom at 635-1535 for more details

13 saturday

Delta Lambda Phi Semi-Formal Dance at the Unitarian Church in Davis. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Call 756-7838 for more info.

14 sunday

Valentine's Day



16 tuesday

Momix, an acrobatic performing group that turns perception on its ear performs at the Sacramento Community Theater, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$16 with special rates for students and children. Call 752-1915 for info.

Baby, a funny and lifeaffirming musical presented by the Sacramento Light Opera Association at the 24th Street Theater at Sierra 2. Call 557-1999 for more information.

17 wednesday

Lambda Center Board of Director's meeting, 6:30 p.m. Call 442-0185 for details.

19 friday

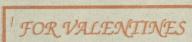
Home and Garden Show at Cal Expo.

24 wednesday

Borodin Trio, at UC Davis Freeborn Hall, 8 p.m. Call 752-7117 for details.

25 thursday

Ram Dass at the Crest Theater, 1013 K Street. Tickets \$15 Call 447-SEVA for details.





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ENTERTAINMENT

Pacino Shines as a Feisty Fighter

1 Pacino does some of the best acting of his career in his new film, "Scent of a Woman," and that's not faint praise for the man who made "Dog Day Afternoon" and "The Godfather" films.

Portraying retired Army officer Frank Slade, Pacino dips down into the despair of a blind man who also displays a surprisingly raucous, devilmay-care attitude about life. He may have lost his eyesight, but the Colonel hasn't lost his ability to appreciate the pleasure the movie's title suggests. The plot, involving Slade's bond with a young student he takes on his "last tour of the battlefield" in New York, is merely serviceable. The movie is really a one-man showcase for Pacino. The actor gives us a man so embittered he can destroy his brother's holiday in the blink of an eye only to turn around and revel in the sensuous pleasures of the Big

Slade takes the boy to a ritzy hotel, they soak up the

high life, and Pacino turns on the charm with the ladies. When this lonely blind man sweeps a young girl off her feet and they dance around the floor of a restaurant, it's not a triumph of sentiment -it's a tribute to this actor's talent. We believe he is blind every step of the way.

Playing a man who has lost his most cherished sense seems to have awakened all of Pacino's own senses. Nothing gets in the way of his "vision" of the character.

The Lover

tripped of its big budget and pretentious narration (by Jeanne Moreau), "The Lover"



would fit nicely on the Playboy channel. This high-gloss version of Marguerite Duras' novel about a romance she had at fifteen leaves out almost everything that made the book interesting.

Gone are most of the details of the girl's extremely dysfunctional family, as well as the intense pain felt by her older Chinese lover that they cannot spend their lives together. Instead we get exotic locales, seductive music and skin. Stars Jane March and Tony Leung throw their lovely bodies at each other with conviction. It's when they have to open their mouths that the trouble begins.

Putting two people of different races in bed together is not enough, as "The Bodyguard" proved. We need a story that sizzles.

The Crying Game

orget "The Bodyguard" and "The Lover," "The Crying Game" is the most gripping interracial love story to come down the pike in years. It's also a unique morality tale and a crack political thriller.

The core of the movie is the relationship between Dil, a black London hairdresser, and Fergus, an IRA gunman. To

describe where their affair leads would spoil some of the shocking fun of the film. Suffice it to say that a twist worthy of Hitchcock changes the entire direction of the

Director Neil Jordan elicits superb performances from wonderful actors like Forest Whitaker, Miranda Richardson. and especially Stephen Rea and Jaye Davidson, as the

"The Crying Game" can be enjoyed on several levels, but the sexual one is the most fascinating. One character affirms the sometimes slippery



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The Future Looks Bright for Lambda Players

by Steve Bistransky

Teil Treganza, founder of the Lambda Players, sat in the Lobby of the downtown YWCA. In the adjoining auditorium the cast of "Torch

Song Trilogy" was rehearsing.

"We've come a long way technical of since the fall of 1989," Tre-Neil Tregar ganza said. He was speaking of the Players' first production. It had been "T-shirts" by Robert Patrick and was presented to an audience of twenty-eight in cramped quarters at the Lambda Community Center.

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This season the Players moved into more spacious quarters at the auditorium of the YWCA, located at 1122 17th Street in Sacramento. They also spent \$6000 on new lighting.

The current production is Fierstein's "Torch Song Trilogy" and is being directed by Rand Martin. The actors are Thomas Bach as Arnold, Patrick Elkins-Zeglarski as Ed, John Rambo as Alan, Fritzi Youngstedt as Ma. It also stars David Boral as the young teenager, David, and Lisa Brodkey as Laurel. Stage management by John Ewing.

A study in gay life, "Tri-logy" is a 1970's pre-AIDS period piece and is said to be partly autobiographical. It is a popular current play and many hundreds of thousands or perhaps millions of people world-wide have read it, or seen it performed on stages or in the successful movie re-

"We had a lot of people show up to try out for parts in this play. It's popular and well known and .. though dated in some respects still relevant...enough to cause interest and excitement."

Torch Song Trilogy will be playing Friday and Saturday nights at 8:15 through Jan-

"There is no mission statement for the Lambda Players," Treganza continued, "but we have restricted our productions to shows by or about gays and lesbians or to shows with topics of great interest to this group."

"We also try to reach a balanced agenda between gay and lesbian themes," Neil said.

In addition to being the

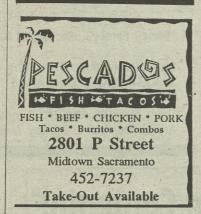
technical director of "Trilogy" Neil Treganza is also a founder and the chair of the Steering Committee of the Lambda Players. He is a warm, effective and articulate spokesman for the Players.

"We bring in a mixed crowd, both gay and non-gay. We have both gay and nongay players and directors. We attract people because of the freedom for creativity we try to provide."

"Artists want to be free of an oppressive mentality." Treganza said. "I've really enjoyed working with the variety of people that we attract here at Lambda Players."

The long range goal of The Lambda Players is to have a playhouse of their own. There are many restrictions when The Players are forced to use a multi-purpose space. "It's nice to have your own home ...It's your space. You feel more creative when you have your own home. Yes, we would like to be even more creative."

The season will continue March 5-27 with "A Midsummer's Night Dream" writ-





Thomas Bach as Arnold and Patrick Eikins-Zeglarski as Ed in "Torch Song Trilogy".

ten by William Shakespeare. It will be directed by Tim Ocell. "Walking the Dead" by Keith Curran follows May 7-29. "Walking" is a grim study of gay realities in a straight world. The season will conclude by staging "Company," the Sondheim and Furth musical July 9-31.

The Lambda Players are also looking for gay or non-

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gay individuals interested in aiding in future productions. "We are interested in locating people with both artistic and technical talent and we are especially anxious to find volunteers with fund-raising and marketing abilities."

information tickets for Torch Song Trilogy or for future productions or about how you can volunteer your talents contact John at the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185.

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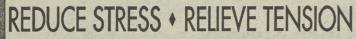
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GALLERY GUIDE!

Forney Exhibits Humor and Longevity

by D. Oldham

The Center for Contemporary Art is hosting a survey of well known Sacramento painter Darrell Forney's work through the month of February.

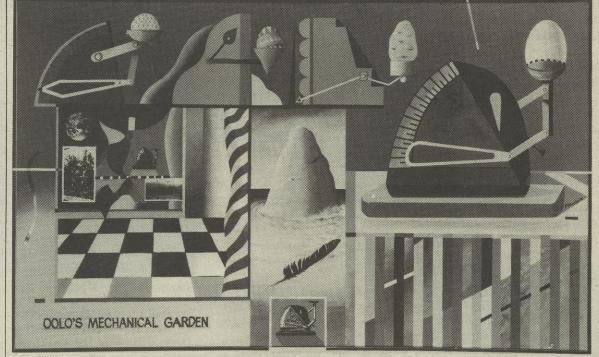
Darrell Forney celebrates his 60th birthday and starts a new year with an exhibit spanning 30 years of his art. "Darrell Forney's Mechanical Garden," now showing at the Center for Contemporary Art, follows the artist's career with images that have made him one of this area's favorite painters.

Included in the show are many well known works, "Greetings from Sacramento," an example of his large letter paintings, (now owned and lent to the exhibit by developer Greg Lukenbill) as well as some exciting new works. "Ooolo's Mechanical Garden," a 36" x 60" painting done in 1992, is one of the strongest

pieces in the show and highlights Forney's ability to use humor to surprise the viewer.

The 1978 series of crows is well represented and has become somewhat of a Forney trademark. The crow series originally included both paintings and three dimensional works (a "crow bar") and was held at the Artists Contemporary Gallery in Sacramento. The artist has exhibited at A.C.G. for over thirty years including participating in the annual August sale.

The artist is responsible for the renaming of the gallery from the previous "Artist's CO-Operative Gallery." He has been an active participant in shaping many Sacramento Galleries. In 1950 he helped found the "Contemporary Gallery" which was painted a lovely pink, including the lawn. He is currently a show-



ing member of the 750 Gallery located on I Street.

At least 100 collectors were involved with the work selected for the show. Curator Mark Emerson photographed, selected and cataloged this

The large space is ample for the exhibit and "a gallery

next to a bookstore can't be too bad," says Forney of the Center.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a lavish full color catalog documenting the artist's life and work and will be available for purchase during the exhibition.

Darrell Forney represents an era of the Sacramento arts, contributing as an artist, a musician, an author and instructor. He has been a well respected art instructor at Sacramento City College for over 20 years as well as an author for the art publication On the Wing.

In my recent interview with Darrell Forney, he spoke glowingly of Sacramento's art community and its supporters. he reiterated his commitment to the arts, "If I can contribute something then I am happy." Judging from the work in this exhibition and to his gentle influence on this area's art community I think Darrell Forney has every right to be very happy.

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es, the scourge of the 70's has resurfaced at last. Sadly, you'll have to look in the import section to find any of their albums on CD -- and at a heftier loss to your billfold -- still, you get what you pay for, at least on this hits collection (available from Britain).

With only one skippable track ("Thank You For the Music") out of 19, this is a seamless demonstration of how to construct catchy pop transcendence. Though the ladies' voices can be shrill at times, the tunefulness draws you in immediately so that you find yourself singing along to all those old favorites- "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Voulez Vous," "S.O.S." and "Dancing Queen." In a word -- essential -- and I mean it! *****

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hile we're on the subject of great 70's collections -- this budget priced series is a great way to expand on your burgeoning 70's CD collection. Each volume features several classics suchas "I will survive" by Gloria Gaynor, Earth Wind and Fire's "Shining Star" and Anita Ward's "Ring My Bell" as well as the song that Madonna sampled for "Erotica" (on volume 8 -- Kool and the Gang's "Jungle Boogie"). ***

Ravealert

f you're wanting to relive the recent past of New Year's Eve at the Cyclops, this may be the collection for you! Featuring The Shamen, Urban Hype, Sl2 and the intruiging intro to Messiah's "Temple of Dreams" (yes, it's the opening line of This Mortal Coil's "Song to the Siren") this disc will keep you grooving (raving?) from start to finish. (x-stasy optional).

Flirtations Live

7 ith a mixture of the familiar, new compositions and some well chosen covers, the Flirtations 5-part a capella harmonies make each song sound new. The men also have fun camping up Julie Brown's "Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun," "Johnny Angel," and "Boy from New York City." All in all, "Live Out on the Road" is a fine coupling of 50's doowop and modern sensibilities.

Black 47 - Ep

receding a full album, this five track deserves as a rousing introduction to a band whose Irish pub sound borrows from the likes of Midnight Oil and the Clash. With a clean production by Ric Ocasek (formerly of the Cars) and a vocal style reminis-



it's true, ABBA is popular again.

cent of the Cure's Robert Smith, the five songs, especially "Funky Ceili" leave you wanting more- songs and lager.

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Kay Gardner - Amazon

ith song titles such as "Tree Frogs at Night," "Pink River

Dolphins" and "Great Horned Screamers," one would think this is another earthy new age outing -- which it is. But wait, it's kind of nice, what with Gardner's alto flute meandering through the aural landscape of the Peruvian rainforest (insects and all) -- perfect incense and bathtub relaxation music.

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RUMOR HAS IT

new year again? I'm still working on excuses for not living up to 1992's resolutions and I'm already late with making new ones for 1993. Yikes! It's only January and I'm behind already!

LIFE Lobby's Laurie McBride is starting the year off right with a trip to Washington, D.C. for the Clinton Inauguration. To finance the trip, she's doing creative fundraising, some selling raffle tickets for \$5 apiece. What could you win? Why, a genuine inauguration souvenir from the capitol city. But seriously folks, let's pull together to send Laurie to



Having a great time at the New Year's Party.

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Sacramento's gay munity proved it knows how to party (did anyone doubt it?) at a fabulously successful New Year's Eve party sponsored by SLCC, RCDC, Lambda, and the latest ISSUE. Kelly B., who has been working in Honolulu since November, flew home to surprise her friends at the party. "It was rumored to be the hottest party of the year," she said. "How could I miss

And speaking of success, SAGA's Jim Sechelski scored big with the recent hit concerts by Romanovsky and Phillins and Linda Tillery. The Sacramento Bee's David Barton did a great pre-show write up on R & P, proving that even straight people can have a sense of humor.

Eavesdropping over cocktails (a legitimate news gathering technique!), we learned that Large Marge will not run for Empress this term. Apparently she was double-crossed by a tacky drag queen and has dropped out of the competition.

Did someone say cocktails? The Mirage, a new gay place to drink is scheduled to open at 15th & F in mid-February. Owner Valerie Marlow says the bar will cater to a mixed crowd of gay men and lesbians who

like to dance.

The new light system that Faces premiered on New Year's Eve is fab-yoo-lous! The state of the art laser imaging system is the very best money can buy. You must see it (and dance to it) to believe it.

Rumor has it The Sacramento News and Review has been banned from Raleys Stores because of the newspaper's gay personals. Could it be true? Or are they just as

tired of Amanda as we are?

Robin Tyler has cancelled her scheduled lesbian/gay ski week in Colorado to honor the gay boycott of the state. Cancelling the event has cost Tyler a not so small fortune, so let's all support her courageous act!

Here it's a whole month before Valentine's Day and the couples are forming already. DJ. Patti Pardue and her new squeeze Brenda are now officially an item as are Bill Peterson and his new man Bob. Bill says he knew Bob was "the one" when he presented Bill with The Partridge Family Christmas Album and a little mermaid doll for Christmas.

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How to Endure Rain and "All Elvis Weekends"

by Stacy Selmants

irst off, let's all gladly welcome the new year, as well as greeting a new month. December was, to put it in an understated way, a true challenge to our collective ability to cope.

Two not-at-all-missed persons from my past dropped by, expecting solutions to life's problems; my lovely wife got a Christmas card from a dead guy; we discovered that one of the cats has cancer; and all we have to look forward to is football and another month of "All Elvis" weekends on the t.v.

It is not a coincidence that during the holidays the suicideprevention movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" not only plays on EVERY channel at least 956 times, there are rumors of the creation of a special "It's a Wonderful Life" Channel, airing only in November and December, when people spend a lot of time with crazed relatives and are feeling more desperate than usual. This desperation can lead to some interesting video choices.

Anyone feeling post-holiday blues this week can watch on television one of the many bad Elvis biography movies, all of which seem to star Kurt Russell in his younger days. Yes, he has his own stamp, but your life will probably seem smooth and welladjusted, in comparison. And aren't you glad YOU aren't wearing rhinestones?

But back to our December recap. I got a call from an exflame from pre-historic days, who'd heard and believed I was dead, until the news that many people have the same first names and that some of us are very much alive, thank you, sunk in. She also confirmed that she enjoys telling people -- now that this column has given me a cult-like status among a small group of guys at the Wreck Room, all named Barry-- how she shared with me her accumulated secrets of bedroom techniques during my formative coming out year.

Then there was the unexpected visit from the former coworker from the days in the bowels of the Sacramento Bee, who surfaces every few years to

blurt out things like "I'm gay!" or "I'm going to be a priest!" This year it was "I'm going to be a gay priest!"

As a lovely parting gift, ("Since you didn't win the washer /dryer, we'd like you to have this,") the demented, yet amazing father-in-law sent us a message from Beyond the Grave. Before his death, last spring, he conspired with his son to give Christmas cards to all of his 7 daughters and their spouses, even though he wouldn't be around to see them open them. There was a synchronized, coast- -coast mass card opening, and many offspring hoped for keys . secret Swiss bank accounts. Inster 'we got a card, with a smiling angel, sending some love from the afterlife. We liked that just as well. Especially since we know what a deal he got on those cards, buying them in March.

The weather and the begin-



3241 FOLSOM BLVD. SACRAMENTO CA 95816 (916) 454-4201 ning of the year (good time to buy Christmas cards!) slump is affecting many of us. Just minutes ago, from our deck we were able to watch a normally dressed woman have a block-long, public nervous breakdown, at top volume. I think she was a data entry casualty from the Franchise Tax Board down the street. Others suggested that she was en route to the

Weatherstone for coffee. We were helpful, and friendly from the second floor; the woman was armed with a stiletto umbrella and looked mean. (We suggested decaf.)

Yes, we've sloshed through weeks of cold, biting, necessary rain, which isn't the weather that lifts your spirits. And holidays can present the problem of trying to do too much, in too

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little time, with too little money. But now as we drift through January, and into the eager edges of what passes for spring in this town, we know that it's a new year, a new chance, with a new President. Soon, it will be softball season, with all the

warmth and all those cute bodies in minimal clothing. Yes. the same greyness will be gone, and soon. So hold on. Yes, ladies and gentlemen -- winter's over, and Elvis HAS left the

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According to McBride, Californians are fortunate to have a full-time state lobby for gay and lesbian civil rights and AIDS issues. It is unique in the nation, and the benefits of their work stretch far beyond the gay community. Because of limited budget and time, the staff rarely has the resources for promoting itself. That perhaps is the next necessary step in ensuring that the voice of gay and lesbian California stays strong. For now, it will only happen with the help of those the Lobby serves so well.



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of major gift giving, including, to gay and lesbian interest groups."

Achtenberg said Jordan was wrong for that such corporate giving absolved the bank "for supporting organizations that harm children by virtue of their explicit discriminatory policies."

"It behooves the board to send the correct message to the Mayor and the citizens of the city that we will stand up for what is right, that we will stand up for the children of this city," Achtenberg said.

Her attempt to override the veto failed when Supervisor Willie Kennedy, the swing vote, said that Achtenberg's resolution wasn't "fair play" because it punished the Bank of America when other corporations also funded the Boy Scouts.

Kennedy acknowledged that the vote was viewed as a "litmus test" of the board over whether members supported the lesbian and gay community or the business community.

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fairness and evenhandedness and I'm not going to vote to over-ride the Mayor's veto of this measure," Kennedy said.

Last November, Kennedy campaigned for re-election in the lesbian and gay community in support of the divesture resolution proposal.

"Well, we can't get her," said Allen Carson, a spokesman for Queer Scouts. "She's not running for re-election, but I think the queer community is outraged by her action."

The measure, which needed eight votes for an over-ride failed by a 7-3 vote.

DISCRIMINATION

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very carefully," he said.

Wotman told the latest ISSUE that the discrimination that Glasser received while employed at the company "was overwhelming and totally out of control and continued for over a period of years. It is the most serious I have ever seen."

Glasser left the firm in

Other firms sued in the legal action by former employees include Munich Reinsurance and Marie Callendar's

DOS FALLOPIA

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When she is not busy making you laugh Koch, ex-Dyketone, also writes songs for musicals and is currently in the hand Venus Envy.

On the other hand, her comedy partner, Peggy Platt, was just voted Seattle's Best Comic 1992.

After performing in the business for 11 years she has appeared on the Wil Shriner Show, Showtime Comedy Club

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the first indication of truly strong protection against an immunodeficiency virus challenge," stated Margaret Johnston, Ph. D., associate director of NIAIDS's Division of AIDS Basic Research and Development Program. The Harvard report emphasized that two of the four healthy rhesus monkeys were injected with an additional 1,000 infective doses of live SIV and continue to remain healthy more than 18 weeks after infection. In comparison, 11 of the 12 unvaccinated rhesus monkeys infected with SIV during the course of the study have since died.

The Harvard research team has already begun further experiments to determine if their SIV vaccine protects against infected cells, vaginal virus infection and multiple infector challenges from different strains of the virus. The researcher emphasized a need for 10 to 15 years of safety testing before the vaccine prototype could safely be administered to the general public. "Our backs are getting to the wall in a dramatic and dangerous situation and we need to be ready to accept some radical approaches," conceded Desrosiers.





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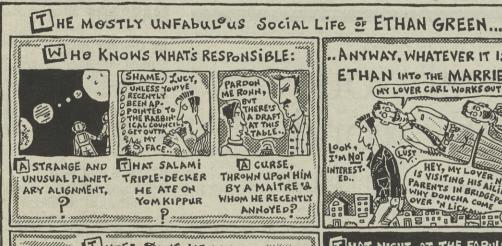














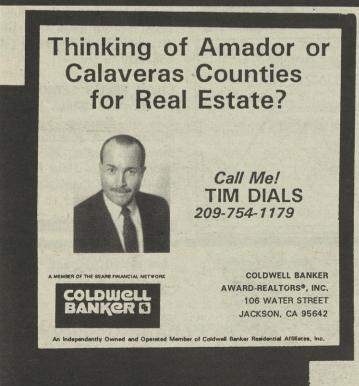


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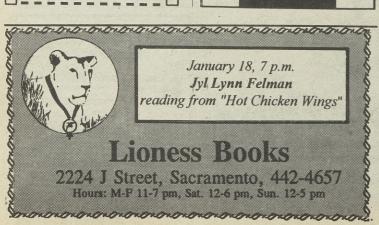
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